

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 8, please replace paragraphs [0027] and [0028] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0027] More specifically, each noise suppression system 50 or 150 can be operated in either an activated mode or a de-activated mode. When noise suppression system 50 or 150 are operated in the activated mode, air is supplied into manifold 52 and distributed substantially uniformly among the plurality of pairs of tubes 70. Since each pair of tubes 70 includes a first tube 72 and a second tube 74 that are offset from ~~nozzle~~ nozzle design 11 by a predefined angle 80, the air discharged from each pair of tubes 70 is channeled across plurality of chevrons 42 into each of the trailing vortices that are generated downstream from each chevron 44. When noise suppression system is deactivated, no air is channeled through pairs of tubes 70.

[0028] In an alternative embodiment, the “jets” are generated by any other means that substantially mimics the function of the tubes 60, such as, but not limited to, positioning a plurality of shaped holes, i.e., scoops, upstream from the plurality of chevrons 44 to channel a small quantity of core flow into the fan stream side, or from the fan flow into the free stream side by account of the pressure differences that exist between each one of the two streams.